

#### ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A mixture comprising at least one vulcanizable elastomer, preferably in a mixture with a thermoplastic polymer, at least one mineral filler preferably including clay, at least one pigment or colorant preferably including red iron oxide, and optionally at least one odor making agent preferably including an extract of vanilla. The mixture can be molded and, after the addition of other suitable ingredients, can be vulcanized, thereby producing an object having the look and feel of natural clay, but having improved low temperature and mechanical stability. Molded objects made from the composition such as plant pots and saucers, wine bottle coolers, trivets, and other objects that typically are made from natural terra cotta or clay, have aesthetically pleasing characteristics as well as improved properties.

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